

Postal Regulatory Commission

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review consistent with procedural fairness. If the Commission determines that it is appropriate to proceed under § 3001.198, a schedule will be established which allows a recommended decision to be issued not more than:

(1) Forty-five (45) days after the determination is made to proceed under § 3001.198, if no hearing is held; or

(2) Ninety (90) days after the determination is made to proceed under § 3001.198, if a hearing is scheduled.

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APPENDIX A TO PART 3002—POSTAL RATE COMMISSION, MISSION STATEMENT OF THE OFFICE OF THE CONSUMER ADVOCATE

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§ 3002.1 Purpose.

This part is published in compliance with 5 U.S.C. 552(a)(1) and constitutes a general description of the Postal Regulatory Commission.

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§ 3002.2 Statutory functions.

(a) *Areas of jurisdiction.* The Commission has jurisdiction over changes in postal rates and fees under 39 U.S.C. 3622, and over mail classifications under 39 U.S.C. 3623. It issues recommended decisions to the Governors of the Postal Service on these matters. It also acts on postal patrons' appeals from Postal Service decisions to close or consolidate post offices under 39 U.S.C. 404(b). Further, the Commission

investigates complaints of substantial national scope concerning postal rates, fees, mail classifications or services under 39 U.S.C. 3662. It also responds to requests of the Postal Service for advisory opinions on changes in the nature of postal services under 39 U.S.C. 3661. Because of the Commission's expertise, Congress occasionally asks it to undertake special studies on postal issues.

(b) *Public participation.* Interested persons may elect to participate in Commission rate and mail classification proceedings as formal intervenors (§ 3001.20), limited participators (§ 3001.20a), or commenters (§ 3001.20b). Interested parties who believe the Postal Service is charging rates which do not conform with the policies of the Postal Reorganization Act, or who believe that they are not receiving postal service in accordance with the policies of title 39, may lodge a complaint with the Commission under section 3001.82. Persons served by post offices that the Postal Service decides to close or consolidate with other post offices may appeal such determinations under § 3001.111.

[64 FR 58337, Oct. 29, 2000]

§ 3002.3 Official seal.

(a) *Authority.* The Seal described in this section is hereby established as the official seal of the Postal Rate Commission.

(b) *Description.* (1) On a white disc within a blue border with inner and outer rims gold and inscribed at top POSTAL RATE COMMISSION and in base, between two small five-pointed stars, 1970, all in gold, the shield of the coat of arms in full color blazoned as follows:

Five blue stars on a white stripe running from the upper left to the lower right of the shield, with three white billets on each of the upper and lower sections of the shield, the former blue and the latter red.

(2) The official seal of the Postal Rate Commission is modified when reproduced in black and white and when embossed, as it appears in this section.